

February 21, 2024 - Jay Fire District Commissioners Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present: Matt Miller, Scott McDonald, Morris Coolidge, Kurt Williams, Kevin Lincoln

Commissioners absent:

Firemen Present: Jamie Coolidge

Meeting was opened by Matt at 7:00

February 13 meeting was rescheduled. Only 2 commissioners could be present.

Guest: Tina Pray, Agency Insurance Brokers – 2024 quotes.

Secretary/Treasurer provided an abstract of bills to be paid. Commissioners approved bills on the abstract for \$11,660.39 to be paid out of general fund. Scott made a motion to approve all audited bills for the month. Kevin seconded, all in favor. With the postponement of the 2/13 meeting an email vote authorized payment of the Essex County Treasurer invoice and FBNO invoice.

### **Old Business**

Insurance – Quotes from Selective and Utica was \$19,000-\$22,000. VFIS was \$12,916  
Underground tank – not covered. Would need a pollution policy. Get certificate of insurance from anyone using the building and listed as additionally insured. If storing other peoples boats, etc. – should have a hold harmless agreement. The dept could still get sued.

Morris made motion to accept the insurance, Kurt seconded, all in favor.

Garth from E-1 was present – Pros/cons with refurbishing – factory not doing refurbishing. E-1 dealers are refurbishing. Nothing new – refreshed. 7-10 years service life extension. Usually more that needs to be done once the trucks are taken apart. 3 levels of refurbishment- depending how far you go may or may not meet NFPA standards.

Commissioners are in agreement to move forward with a new truck.

Fonzie will come down tomorrow with Kurt to finish electrical work for grant funding.

Fence – Freedom fence - \$18,900 – with us doing removal of old fence. Lee and Jody Emery – revised estimate \$10,993 with new footage. Getting third quote.

Cloud storage – Deb and Ralph working on it – go with drop box – for 4 users – estimated \$700/year billed yearly Morris made motion to go ahead with Dropbox, Kurt seconded, all in favor.

Backup cameras – still need to be ordered.

Cell Tower – send testing agreement to Shelby

Back up cameras – look at department for buying

Kevin made motion to pay Jamie, Jim and Dean \$59/day for meals for the Turning Stone training, Matt seconded, all in favor.

Morris made motion to surplus jaws, Kevin seconded, all in favor. Morris will look at municipal bid to list them.

### **New Business**

Ralph and Jamie have a spreadsheet with all the gear – next year (2025) looking at 6 new sets of gear. Jamie would like to get more firefit gloves (approx. \$90). Like to get 2 med and 3 large. Merideth – overlooked her boots – buy her a pair of leather boots (approx. \$450-500). Kevin made motion to purchase boots and gloves, Scott seconded, all in favor.

CVPH is billing the firefighters for reading the EKG – not the department. Jamie paid the \$20. Morris made motion to reimburse, Kevin seconded, all in favor.

Boiler – Chuck had to be fix boiler this week.

Nick Bedard- will come down to look at boiler and suggestion for replacement.

Essex County Health wants to hold rabies clinic in April 24 6-8. It is drive thru, people and animals stay in the car. Matt made motion to go ahead with clinic, Kevin seconded, all in favor.

Fire Extinguisher inspection- Jim Watson is doing inspections – Kevin will call.

Dave Morrow has sold his business to Vermont. Kevin will talk to them.  
Morris made motion to have Easter egg hunt in March, Kevin seconded, all in favor.

Jamie will send out letters to firefighters that do not have training. Will put them on inactive status until they get caught up on training.

Jamie has added a couple of Upper Jay firefighters to I Am Responding. Several are on Town crew and are in Town when calls may come in. Jamie wants to have them come in and get familiarized with our equipment.

Morris made motion to adjourn meeting, Scott seconded, all in favor 8:55 pm